

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the fourth full Paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 23, in its entirety, and replace with the following Paragraph:

The liquid binding agent is preferably sprayed on the catalyst ingredients at a rate of 1-1.5 times the required amount divided by the residence time. This residence time generally ranges from about 1 to 30 minutes. The droplet size preferably is between 1 and 20 micrometers.